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Wordpieces 3.1 Practice [8<sup>th</sup>]

I. **Complete the sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the italicized vocabulary word. You must use at least five words to complete the sentence.**

1. When Nick *abjured* the art movement he himself had founded, his fellow artists
2. America is clearly not a *theocracy*, since
3. In contrast to the more *domineering* players on the baseball team, Tommy was
4. We knew one of the witnesses had committed *perjury* because
5. In a system absolutely controlled by the *aristocracy*, money tends to
6. The *legislative* powers of the government were called into question when
7. Ted wanted to run for public office, but his wife feared he might become a *bureaucrat* because
8. In order to *conjure* an image of an absolute peace, the author
9. The *predominant* mood among the smiling children was one of
10. The pole vaulter's *indomitable* energy brought him
11. The two boys with backstage passes felt *privileged* because
12. Scientists feared that the eclipse would *legitimize* people's superstitions because

II. **Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. Not all words will be used.**

*perjury*                      *theocracy*                      *privileged*                      *domineering*                      *abjure*

13. Citizens in the country's religious minority risked arrest and imprisonment by members of the governing \_\_\_\_\_.
14. At the sports banquet, Jake was given a[n] \_\_\_\_\_ seat at the head table with the coach.
15. The official warned me that I would be committing \_\_\_\_\_ if any part of my testimony turned out to be untrue.
16. Gretchen is a great boss because she is strong and decisive without being \_\_\_\_\_.

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*abjure*                      *aristocracy*                      *legislative*                      *legitimize*                      *indomitable*

17. Showing \_\_\_\_\_ courage, the dog swam into the river and saved his master from drowning.
18. Joan of Arc would not \_\_\_\_\_ her beliefs even under penalty of death by fire.
19. The poorer people of a country often cannot compete with the demands of the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Television programs, in trying to be "cutting edge," often \_\_\_\_\_ violence instead of speaking out against it.

*conjure*      *legislative*      *abjure*      *predominant*      *bureaucrat*

21. Whereas forests and pastures once covered Hancock County, now shopping malls and golf courses are \_\_\_\_\_.
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ body of the government is in charge of both passing and repealing laws.
23. After the accident, Frank could not \_\_\_\_\_ up a single memory of the previous ten years.
24. Although he insisted on strict conformity with the rules, the county sheriff did not consider himself a[n] \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Read the following selection and define the italicized words, using your knowledge of roots and context clues. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the words on your own, look them up in a dictionary.**

The people of the small kingdom of Perunia claimed that their current king was *illegitimate*. King Peldon had gained control of the country after murdering the heir to the throne and declaring himself ruler. The Perunian people were angered by this, as they favored a system of government that would promote people based on achievement. This *meritocracy* was realized as soon as King Peldon had been overthrown.

illegitimate:

meritocracy:

**IV. For each of the following roots, provide an additional word that contains the root and define the word. If a word is already provided, just provide the definition.**

<b>Root</b>	<b>Word</b>	<b>Definition</b>
jur		
domin	domain	
crat/crac	autocracy	
leg		